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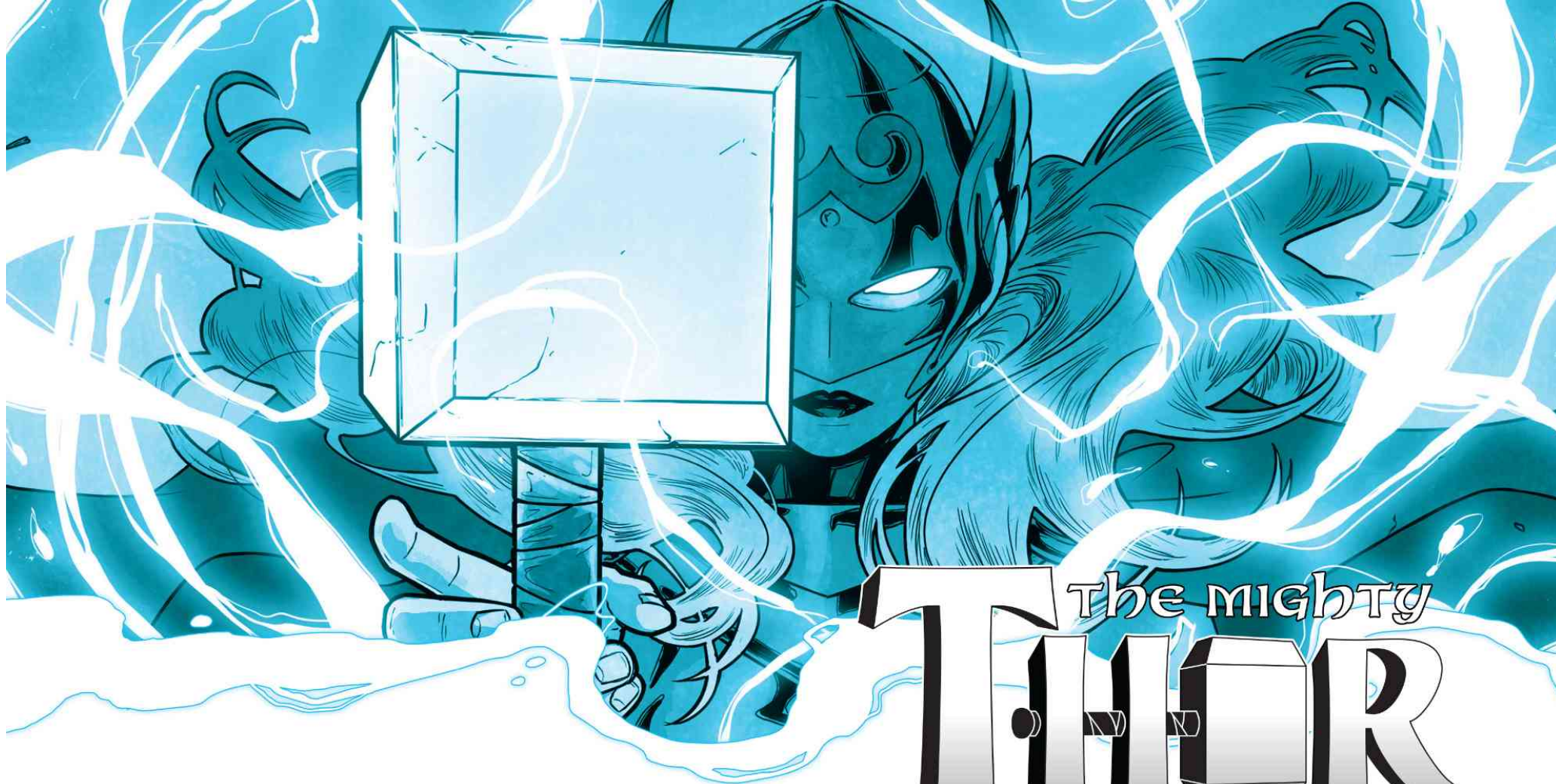
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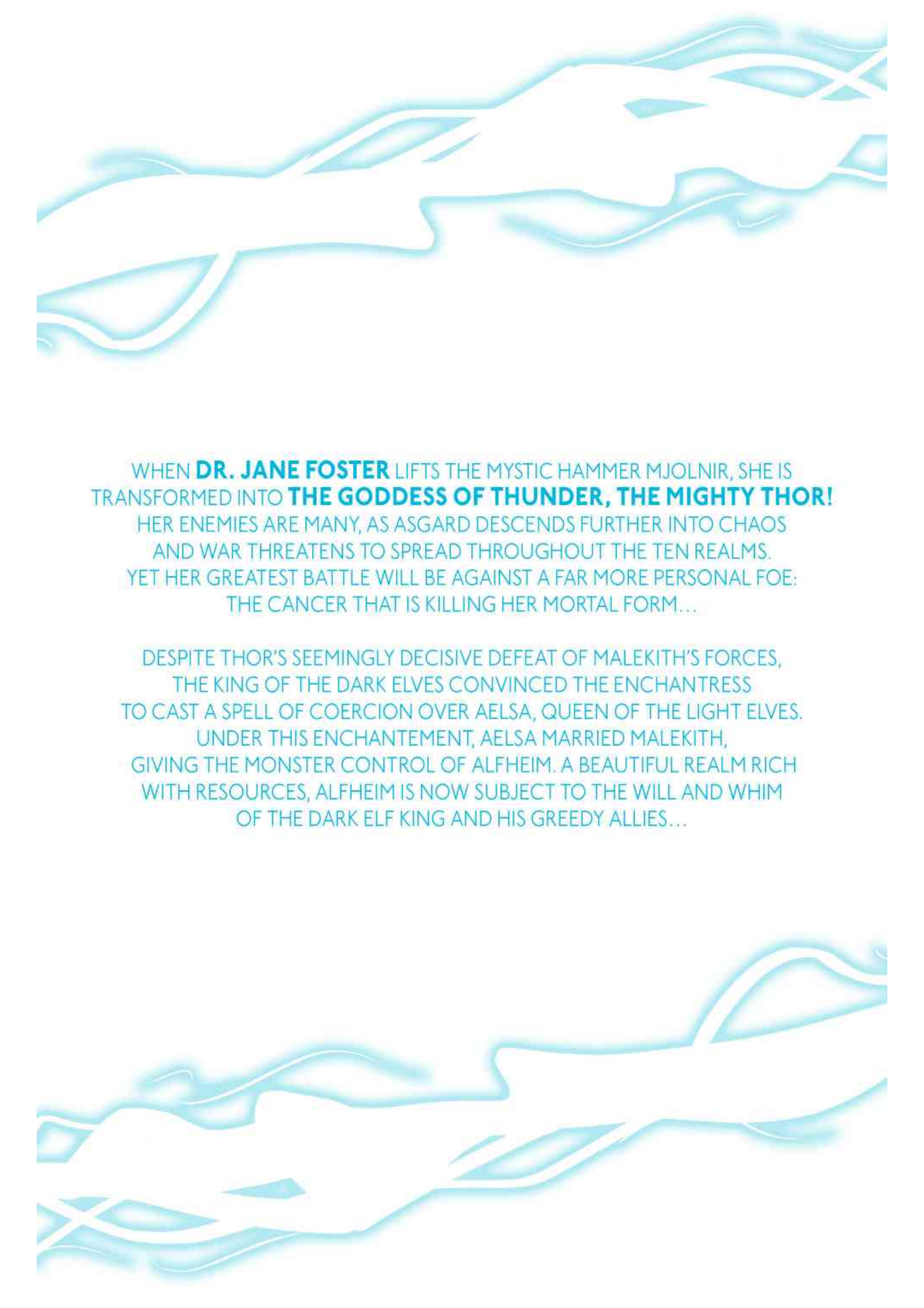
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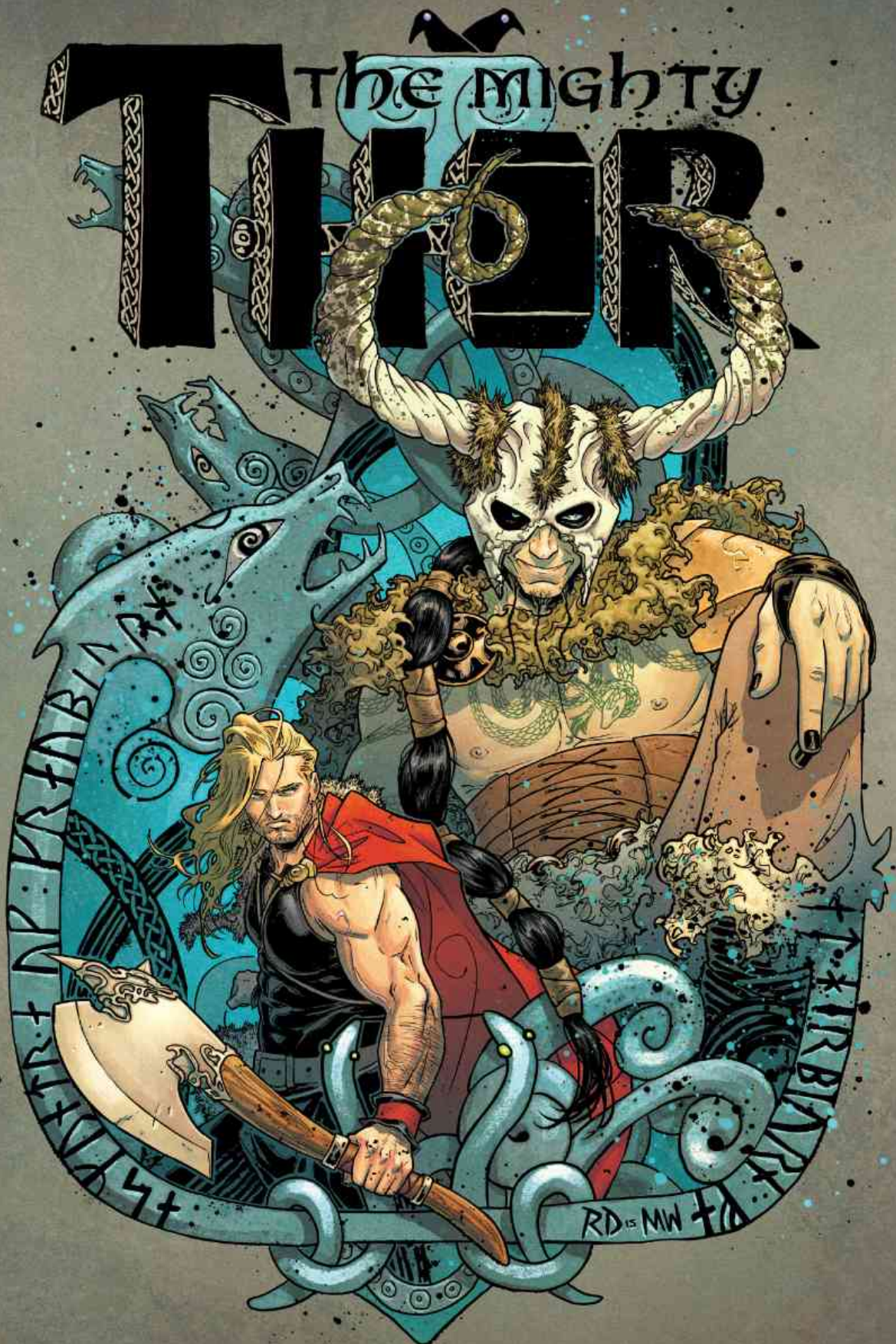
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WHEN **DR. JANE FOSTER** LIFTS THE MYSTIC HAMMER MJOLNIR, SHE IS TRANSFORMED INTO **THE GODDESS OF THUNDER, THE MIGHTY THOR!** HER ENEMIES ARE MANY, AS ASGARD DESCENDS FURTHER INTO CHAOS AND WAR THREATENS TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TEN REALMS. YET HER GREATEST BATTLE WILL BE AGAINST A FAR MORE PERSONAL FOE: THE CANCER THAT IS KILLING HER MORTAL FORM...

DESPITE THOR'S SEEMINGLY DECISIVE DEFEAT OF MALEKITH'S FORCES, THE KING OF THE DARK ELVES CONVINCED THE ENCHANTRESS TO CAST A SPELL OF COERCION OVER AELSA, QUEEN OF THE LIGHT ELVES. UNDER THIS ENCHANTMENT, AELSA MARRIED MALEKITH, GIVING THE MONSTER CONTROL OF ALFHEIM. A BEAUTIFUL REALM RICH WITH RESOURCES, ALFHEIM IS NOW SUBJECT TO THE WILL AND WHIM OF THE DARK ELF KING AND HIS GREEDY ALLIES...





MY ALLIANCE
WITH MALEKITH
HAS ALREADY
PROVEN QUITE
FRUITFUL.

ROXXON NOW
MINES FOR COAL
IN THE SWAMPS OF
SVARTALFHEIM AND DRILLS
FOR OIL HERE ON THE
PLANES OF ALFHEIM,
WITH OTHER RESOURCES
AND REALMS SURE
TO FOLLOW.

ONCE
OUR TRANS-
REALM PIPELINE IS
ESTABLISHED, WE WILL
BE MAKING BILLIONS
PER DAY OFF THIS
ARRANGEMENT.

AND
YET...



DARIO AGGER.
C.E.O. OF ROXXON ENERGY
CORPORATION.
ALSO SOMETIMES
A MINOTAUR.



...YET I AM
INCREASINGLY
AWARE OF THE
FACT THAT I AM
IN LEAGUE WITH
SORCERERS AND
GIANTS.

THE ROXXON
ARMORIES HOLD
ENOUGH WEAPONS TO
ANNIHILATE ANY ARMY
ON EARTH. BUT WE'RE
NOT DEALING WITH
THINGS OF THE EARTH
ANYMORE, ARE
WE?

IF MALEKITH
SHOULD EVER
DECIDE TO
ALTER OUR
AGREEMENT...



YOU ARE
OUTGUNNED.
YOU NEED
WEAPONS.

I NEED
ALLIES AGAINST
MY ALLIES. AND
SOMETHING
TELLS ME...

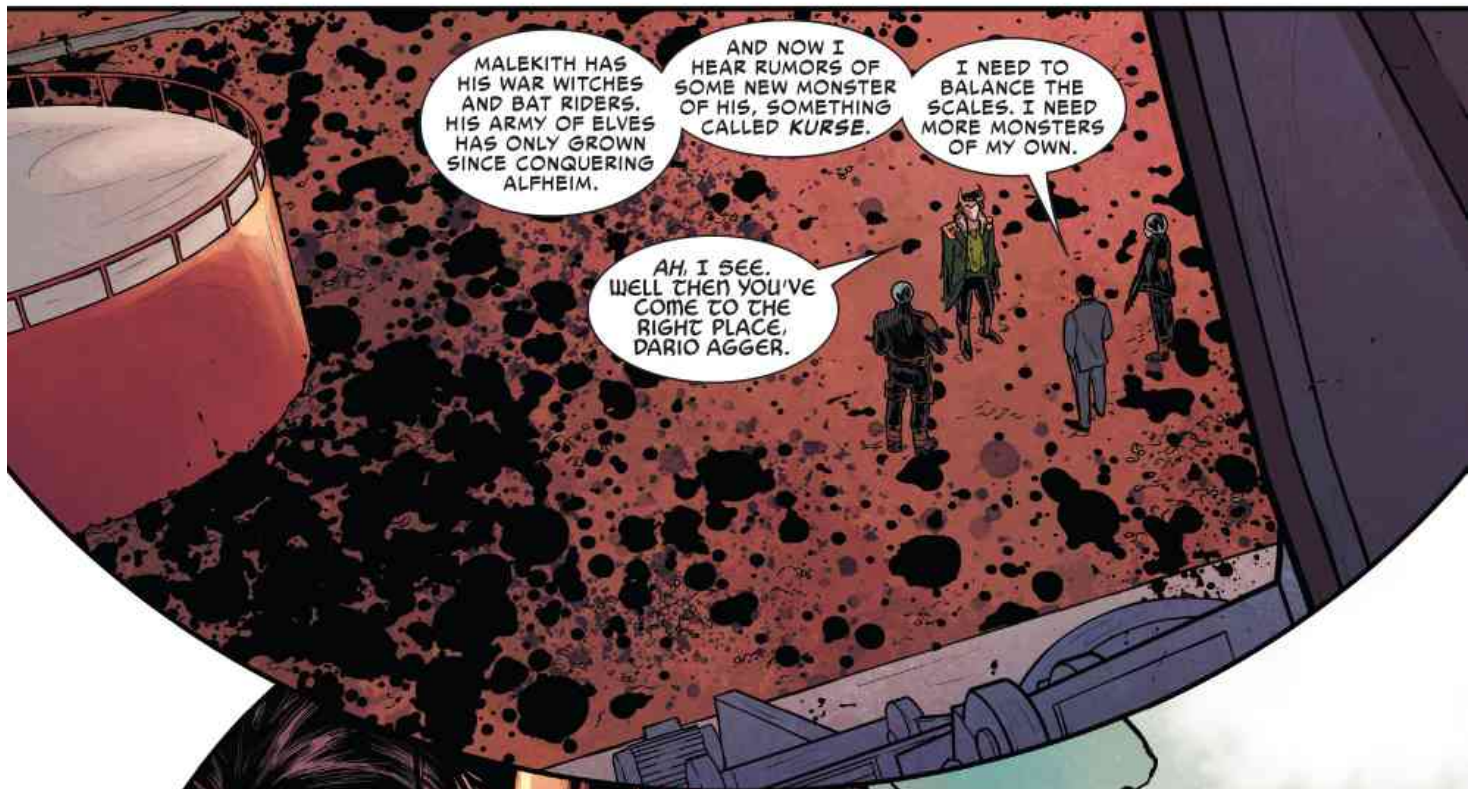


...YOU
DO, TOO.
OR HAS YOUR
FATHER LAUFY
SUDDENLY DECIDED
NOT TO MURDER
YOU?

WELL, HE
HASN'T TRIED
TOO MANY TIMES
TODAY, SO THERE'S
ALWAYS HOPE, I
SUPPOSE.

LOKI.
GOD OF LIES.
PRINCE OF JOTUNHEIM.

BUT ONE
CAN NEVER HAVE
TOO MANY FRIENDS
IN A TIME OF WAR, I
ALWAYS SAY. WHAT
WOULD YOU ASK OF
ME, FRIEND?



MALEKITH HAS
HIS WAR WITCHES
AND BAT RIDERS.
HIS ARMY OF ELVES
HAS ONLY GROWN
SINCE CONQUERING
ALFHEIM.

AND NOW I
HEAR RUMORS OF
SOME NEW MONSTER
OF HIS, SOMETHING
CALLED KURSE.

I NEED TO
BALANCE THE
SCALES. I NEED
MORE MONSTERS
OF MY OWN.

AH, I SEE.
WELL THEN YOU'VE
COME TO THE
RIGHT PLACE,
DARIO AGGER.



ONE THAT
BEGINS, LONG
AGO...

ALLOW ME,
IF YOU WILL,
TO TELL YOU
A STORY.

I'VE
MADE JUST
THESE SORTS
OF DEALS
BEFORE.

"...IN THE AGE OF
THE VIKINGS.

MIDGARD.
SHORES OF THE
SKAGERRAK.
896 A.D.



"BODOLF'S SECRET WAS
THAT HE SAID A PRAYER TO
THE GOD OF THUNDER BEFORE
EACH FIGHT. AND HIS PRAYERS
WERE ALWAYS ANSWERED.



"BODOLF THE BLACK WAS A
FEARSOME YOUNG CHIEFTAIN
WITH AN UNQUENCHABLE THIRST
FOR COMBAT AND GLORY. IT WAS
SAID THAT HE AND HIS BERSERKERS
HAD NEVER LOST A BATTLE.



"SOMETIMES IN
WAYS HE NEVER
IMAGINED."

COME,
YOU DOGS!

THROUGH
THOR LIES
THE WAY TO
VALHALLA!

HA HA
HA!



"BODOLF THE BLACK
FOUND RIVALS BOTH
ABROAD AND AT HOME.
AND FELLED THEM ALL."



"BODOLF'S FAME
GREW QUICKLY. AS
DID HIS WEALTH."

HAIL TO
BODOLF!



"AND HIS
GREED."

HAIL TO
BODOLF THE
UNSTOPPABLE!
NONE DARE
OPPOSE US!



IF NONE
DARE, THEN WE
SHALL DARE
FOR THEM.



HA. JUST
DON'T FORGET
TO SAY YOUR
PRAYERS,
BODOLF.
I WILL
CONTINUE
TO AID YOU.
HIC



"BUT NOTHING GREW
MORE QUICKLY THAN
HIS PRIDE."



 DAYS LATER.
ANOTHER BATTLE.



THE DAY IS
OURS! ANOTHER
LEGENDARY VICTORY
FOR BODOLF THE
BLACK!

HEH.



FOR
THOR, YOU
MEAN.
WHAT WOULD
MIGHTY BODOLF
BE WITHOUT HIS
PET GOD BY HIS
SIDE? HUH?



NOTHING,
THAT'S--

NNNRGH!

"WITH EACH BATTLE
WON, BODOLF BEGAN
TO FIND HIMSELF MORE
RELUCTANT THAN EVER
TO BEND HIS KNEE.

"EVEN TO
THE GODS.



"ESPECIALLY TO
THE GODS.



"SO BEFORE HIS NEXT BATTLE...BODOLF DIDN'T PRAY."

WE CHARGE AS ONE. AND CUT THEM DOWN LIKE GOATS.

BUT... WHERE IS THOR?



NEVERMIND THOR. WE DON'T NEED...

HERE HE COMES!



THOR? WAIT...WHY IS HE WITH...

"BUT WHILE BODOLF MAY HAVE STOPPED HIS PRAYING..."

"...HIS ENEMIES
HAD NOT."

APOLOGIES,
BODOLF. BUT I'VE
ALREADY DRANK ALL
YOUR MEAD AND LOVED
ALL YOUR WOMEN. AND
YOUR BROODING WAS
GROWING RATHER
TIRE SOME.

THIS OUGHT
TO LIVEN THINGS
UP A BIT.

THE THUNDER
GOD...SWITCHED
SIDES.

HOW ARE
WE TO FIGHT
THE GOD OF
THUNDER?

PERHAPS
IF WE ALL
PRAYED REALLY
HARD, HE
MIGHT...

RRRRGGH!!

"BODOLF THE BLACK
WASN'T THE FIRST
VIKING TO BE JEALOUS
OF HIS GODS.

"OR THE FIRST
NORSEMAN FOOL
ENOUGH TO THINK
HE COULD
CHALLENGE ONE.

"BODOLF LEARNED
THE SAME LESSON
ALL THE OTHER
FOOLS HAD.



"MEN ARE MEN AND
GODS ARE GODS.
AND THIS...



"THIS IS WHY THE
ONE PRAYS TO
THE OTHER.

"BODOLF'S ARMY WAS ROUTED. HIS LANDS WERE SEIZED. HIS WEALTH WAS PILLAGED. HIS WIVES ABANDONED HIM.

"BODOLF THE BLACK, SCOURGE OF THE SKAGERRAK, WAS NOW BODOLF THE ~~BROKEN~~. BODOLF THE ~~DESTITUTE~~.



"BODOLF KNEW RIGHT AWAY WHERE HE'D GONE WRONG, AND WHAT HE HAD TO DO TO SET THINGS RIGHT.



"BODOLF PRAYED.

"JUST AS HE HAD ONCE PRAYED BEFORE EVERY BATTLE.

"ONLY THIS TIME, THE WORDS WERE DIFFERENT.



"THIS TIME...HE DID NOT PRAY TO THOR..."



RISE, LITTLE VIKING...



...RISE
AND CLAIM THE
REWARD FOR THY
SUPPLICATION...



...WHERE
OTHER GODS
HAVE FAILED
THEE...LOKI
WILL NOT.

ALL...
ALL I HAVE
IS YOURS,
MY LORD.



HMPH.
THAT DOESN'T
APPEAR TO BE
MUCH THOUGH.
DOES IT?

LUCKILY FOR
YOU, LOKI IS A
GENEROUS GOD
WHEN IT COMES TO
THE GRANTING
OF WISHES.

YOU
PRAYED FOR
POWER, DID
YOU NOT?



THE POWER
TO BATTLE MY
BROTHER. TO LAY
HIM LOW. "TO BREAK
HIS BASTARD
BONES," I BELIEVE
YOU SAID.

AYE.
I DID.



I LIKE YOU
ALREADY, BODOLF.
THE BOLD. THOUGH
SUCH A MIGHTY BOON
IS NOT SO EASILY
GRANTED.

FOR
THE STRENGTH
OF A GOD DOES NOT
BELONG IN A MORTAL
FORM. MANY MEN HAVE
TRIED, BUT FEW COULD
EVER CONTAIN SUCH
POWER FOR
LONG.

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
ARE PREPARED
FOR SUCH A
CHALLENGE?



IF NOT, MAY
DOGS EAT MY
CHILDREN. MAY
HELA FEED ME FOR
ALL ETERNITY TO
THE SPIDERS
OF HEL.



HEH.
DISAPPOINT
ME, LITTLE VIKING,
AND I ASSURE YOU,
DOGS AND SPIDERS
WILL BE THE LEAST
OF YOUR
WORRIES.

NOW DO
EXACTLY AS
I SAY...

FIRST,
YOU'RE GOING
TO NEED A
BOAT.



"BODOLF SAILED ALONE
ACROSS UNCHARTED
SEAS, THROUGH WATER
TEAMING WITH SERPENTS
AND STORMS THAT
RAINED FIRE.



"PAST THE EDGE OF
ALL THAT WAS KNOWN,
HE FOUND AN ISLAND
WITH NOTHING ON IT
BUT A MOUNTAIN.



"HE CLIMBED THAT
MOUNTAIN THROUGH
RAIN AND HAIL AND
WIND...



"...UNTIL HE HAD
DISAPPEARED INTO
THE CLOUDS.



"THERE HE FOUND A
DRAGON THAT BURNED
LIKE THE SUN.

"THEY BATTLED FOR
THREE DAYS AND
THREE NIGHTS.

"THE DRAGON'S HEART
WAS SO HOT, IT
MELTED HIS BLADE.



"SO BODOLF TORE ITS
GUTS OUT WITH HIS
OWN FLAMING HANDS.

"AND THEN HE SAID THE
WORDS THAT LOKI HAD
TOLD HIM TO SAY.



"AND DRANK THE
DRAGON'S BLOOD
UNTIL HE VOMITED
FIRE.



"AND THEN THE
REAL PAIN BEGAN."



RAAAAGH!!!















HRPH.
PUNY
GOD.

"AND THIS IS WHY
IT PAYS TO PRAY
TO LOKI."

"I DO SO LOVE
MAKING DREAMS
COME TRUE..."